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Incoming, 1951

U.S. Marine Corps, 26 January 1951, Dear Sir from Master
Sargeant Morgan. Interesting comment on Marines and Army
in Korean War!

Kiland, to My Dear Rafe, 24 February 1951
Comment on General Ridgway in Korea

Dear Rafe, Admiral Turner Joy from Korea, 17 August 1951
Negotiating with the Communists and Naval War College
curriculum

McCorkle to Commodore from USNA, 30 August 1951
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Dear Rafe, Rear Admiral Don Felt, Commander Mid East Force,
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and duties.

Rear Admiral Babe Brown's letter of 28 November 1951
Comments on Bates pool playing.

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NAVAL WAR COLLEGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

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From: The President.

To:

Believe we should suppress
reference to Army. It would only
stir up unnecessary resentment.
Otherwise the "interview" between
Sgt. & Cpl. is a rare piece of
wit.

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2 January 1951

Dear Rafe,

Lillian and I greatly appreciated your fine letter and are thoroughly enjoying our Langlois Cheese.

The four stars came along in jig time and, naturally, I'm very proud and happy to have them especially when it brings such comments from people like you.

It sounds as though you are having some very pleasant times, and I hope something will bring you this way soon.

Warmest regards from us both and wishes for a fine New Year.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
U.S. Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

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16 West School Lane,
Phila 44 Pa.

III Jan 1951.

Dear Rafe:

It was nice to hear from you by phone: I had nearly given you up for lost again, not hearing from you at Christmas time.

Tully Shelly is in the States on leave, staying at the Hotel Edison on W. 46th st near Broadway, N.Y.C., until he leaves for London via the "America" on the 23rd. He and Hazel and I had lunch at an Italian restaurant the other day and he was full of the austerity and misery that is being felt in England at the present time: according to him it is worse now than during the war.

How I wish I could hear your ideas on how this war is to develop: are you going to be in New York in the near future?

Did you go to the Sperry wedding (the daughter, Carolyn)?

All good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,

Ted. 

PS...Did you know that my old pal from the OSS, Dennis Roberts, was now governor of Rhode Island? He was a Lt., (Navy) and served in Algiers. He used to be mayor of Providence.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S QUARTERS
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Sunday 1/2/51.

Dear Dick: -

That fine package of Langlois Blue Cheese arrived last week, and Margaret and I surely do appreciate your sending it. We have it carefully put away as yet, for we know how good it is, and are saving its debut for a very special occasion.

A note from Pig & Mandy suggests that they are planning to come east this spring. - Hope they get no more broken ankles.

We had a grand Xmas. with Betty Ben & Baby - The Three B's. Here, together with Ben's mother and aunt. The baby - now 4 mos - of course had the spotlight the entire time, and it was fun for us

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to see Betty & Ben with their first born.
Betty makes a fine mother.

Our boys all got back from Xmas leave
last week, and now were settling
down for the home stretch. That football
game has done the Brigade a lot of good
- given them a recharging of pride &
confidence - and were building on
that for all we can. It's a great game
in psychology, and both of us are
really enjoying it thoroughly.

Hope that you are feeling fine - and
that the New Year will bring you health,
happiness, and success - Margaret
sends her love - also Betty, who has
now gone back to St. James.

Best of luck,
Harry.

13 January 1951

Dear Rafe:

I am inclosing a copy of a letter to Major General Tom Hanley, Secretary of the Military Academy Class of 1915. The total bill for our party of November 24, 1950, is broken down as follows:

Food	\$117.30
Beverages	89.05
Cigarettes	2.04
Flowers & Miscellaneous	6.63
Total	<u>\$215.02</u>

There were a grand total of 60 people present which makes the bill per person come out to \$3.58. The figure of \$3.58 I rounded off at \$3.60 in sending Hanley a check for \$72 (which was our share for a total of 20 USNA participants). I will appreciate your sending me a check for \$3.60. I am taking you at your word in billing you for a share of the party although it seems to me that this is something I should not do.

The consensus of both West Point and Annapolis participants at the November party seemed to be that another such affair in the spring would be desirable. I will get together with Hanley and will try to give you and other possible participants timely notice.

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to get around to billing you for your share of the party but as long as I had settled with Hanley there was no pressing need for attending to this part of the business.

I hope that you can be with us at the next get-together.

Best regards,



M. L. RING
Secretary

Commodore R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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THOMAS ROSS COOLEY
REAR ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY

Quarters #2 Y.B.I.
Jan. 21, 1951.

Dear Dick,

Although I have seen you since I received your letter of Dec 5; I thought you might like to hear of Mary Lawrence's wedding.

Needless to say she was a lovely bride and everything went off very well. Because of our most recent arrival here the wedding was not very large only about 80 people including family, but no other for the most were all old friends of ours.

A delacide had a note from Bill Whitehouse, very sad. I hope he is feeling better now. Please give him our regards.

Your brother Ting called me one night about his son and I referred him to young Hugo Osterhane who is stationed in Sacramento. I saw Osterhane a few days ago and he had talked

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to Ting who now has all
the information. However I
see by the papers that all
boys who are in college will
be allowed to finish their
current year. If this is so the
boy, I should think, will still
have an opportunity to get
into the Navy.

Our home is, as you can
well imagine, very quiet now.
Adelaide and I have crawled
into our shells for no time
being. I am taking her to
Yosemite for the week-end of
Feb. After that we will
give a series of small dinners
and receptions.

Our family are all
fine. The children are wonderful.
Hal is working like a fool and
I told him he should slow up
but it isn't in the boy.
We are well and I hope you
are too.

Please extend my congratulations
to Don Felt on his promotion
and give my best regards to
Dick Corolly as well as to Parbat
and the Reading Room boys.
Sincerely yours
Rose.
Adelaide sends her love to you.



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
SOUTHERN RECRUITING DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA CITY
Room 326 Federal Building, 3rd and Robinson Street
OKLAHOMA CITY 2, OKLA.

26 January 1951

Dear Sir:

I take the liberty of writing you because of your kindness in allowing me to visit your office, last August, and because you may be able to integrate my observations with your own, when you summarize the Korean campaign (as I am sure you shall).

The tactical aspects of the conflict, however brilliantly they may have been conceived and executed, never fully satisfy me.

I must know what goes on in the mind of the individual soldier, and when I say "soldier", you know that I mean "Marine".

My current job is that of Public Information Sergeant, for the Oklahoma City Recruiting District, with headquarters in Oklahoma City, and I'm in a fine position to satisfy my curiosity when I interview the wounded Korean veterans, for local newspaper stories.

The newspapers get the horrors of frostbite and wounds, and the heroics of fights against tremendous odds, with the brave rifleman piling the bodies of dead Chinese around himself, in lieu of sandbags, and for any warmth they may yet contain, but what I seek to analyze they dare not print, in view of public opinion.

I must know what motivates a man to fight aggressively, and above all I am constantly on the alert to determine whether our Marines are being undermined by what I firmly believe to be a "conspiracy" to deprive us of our "Esprit de Corps". It seems that the recent "dog in the manger" plot has failed. As a kite rises against the wind, so has the morale of our Marine Corps thrived on adversity, and so it shall always be, please God.

Knowing your sense of humor, I'm sure that you must have read the story "The Laughter of My Father", and the rich man who claimed that the healthy children of the poor man were stealing the "spirit" of his chicken, as they smelled it cooking in his pot. So it is with the Army. The poor fools thought to sacrifice the Golden Goose (The Marine Corps) on the altar of false economy, in hopes that in the absence of the Corps their own cumbersome organization would spawn the eggs of Tradition, Pride in Achievement, and "Esprit de Corps". They darned near succeeded, and in the process they even managed to lay a few eggs. I smelled them when I visited the Pentagon, last August, and the odor has drifted back from Korea, too.

That build-up was a necessary prelude to evaluate the usual interview which I privately have with the veteran, after the reporter has gone.

- (Q) Corporal Jones, what was the mental attitude of the Marines with whom you fought in Korea?
- (A) Whaddaya mean?
- (Q) I mean, what did they talk about?
- (A) Oh, the usual things, women, liquor, food, sleep.
- (Q) Did they talk about Communism?
- (A) Some, not much.
- (Q) How about the United Nations?
- (A) Never heard any.
- (Q) Were they anxious to get home?
- (A) Sort of, but we figure the job ain't done yet. We looked forward to the next "rest area" more than Stateside.
- (Q) Did you ever feel "abandoned", or perhaps that the folks at home were not "war concious" enough?
- (A) I dunno; never looked at it that way.
- (Q) How about the Army - did you ever talk about them?
- (A) Those lousy yellow B.....s! We ran our legs off, pulling their chestnuts out of the fire.
- (Q) How about the negro soldier?
- (A) Their service troops are no damn good. The negro rifleman seems to fight well with all-colored units, and mixed with the Marines. The negro unit likes to have a Marine unit on their flank, too, but they don't like a white Army unit on their flank. They contend that the attitude is "let the niggers do the dirty work". (Some disagreement on this point)
- (Q) Who do you figure is winning, over there?
- (A) I dunno, but if I gotta go back I hope that they won't spread our outfits out so thin. Marines fight better as a "team".
- (Q) Were the Marines always "aggressive"?
- (A) Whaddaya mean by that?
- (Q) I mean, did you ever detect any hesitancy, say in your own squad, when you were ordered after a really tough objective?
- (A) Hell no! That's the best way to do it, ain't it.

Very truly yours,

John J. Morgan, Jr.
 JOHN J. MORGAN, Jr.
 MSgt., U. S. Marine Corps



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
SOUTHERN RECRUITING DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA CITY
Room 326 Federal Building, 3rd and Robinson Street
OKLAHOMA CITY 2, OKLA.

11 February 1951

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your kind reply to my letter about Korea.

As you probably were aware, I was letting off "steam" in the face of local insinuations that the Corps had committed men to battle "untrained". Your kind reception of my missle was most gracious, and especially in view of the fact that I "demoted" you.

Rest assured that I shall not be so indiscreet as to air my personal opinions to any other branch of the armed forces.

It is not my intention to burden you with unnecessary and unprofitable correspondence. I realize that you are a very busy man, sir, and that we have next to nothing in common, but I shall look forward to the day when I may take the liberty of paying you another short call - at your office.

Have always wanted to write, however, and this job is giving me an opportunity. You might enjoy my letter entitled "Leader", which appears on page 8 of the February Marine Corps Gazette.


A truly profitable association for an advanced student would be with my uncle, Rev. George A. MORGAN, S.J., who is currently the Librarian, at Weston College, Weston, Mass. Please feel free to call upon him, at any time, for any reference material you might need in your work. His affiliation with colleges throughout the country might facilitate obtaining such material, and it is not restricted to matters theological.

"Hot Toddy" (legitimate) is a rare thing in Oklahoma, as it probably is in Korea. Whisky can be had, and in quantity, but these pious hypocrites vote dry and get their kicks from "Hadacol".

Very truly yours.

John J. Morgan Jr.
JOHN J. MORGAN, Jr.
MSgt., USMC

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PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE
FIFTH NAVAL DISTRICT
Norfolk 11, Virginia



15 February 1951

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

Dear Rafe:

I want to thank you sincerely for your fine letter of 9 February extending your congratulations to me upon my recent selection for Rear Admiral (CEC). This, of course, has been a source of great delight to myself and my family.

I was especially interested in the cogent remarks contained in your letter about promotion procedures in the Naval service, and share with you the convictions that you have as to this.

We came to Norfolk from Washington last June and I reported here the day after the Korean incident, so that we have really been in high gear and are now in the midst of a very comprehensive Public Works construction program, with much more to follow, all to a proportion that far exceeds the imagination as to a peacetime development.

I will look forward to seeing you at some future time in Newport and thank you personally for the very fine expression of congratulations to me.

With kindest personal regards from Kathleen and myself.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. HILTABIDLE

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ADM ART DAVIS



THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

15 February, 1951

Dear Raft,

Many grateful thanks for your fine letter about the upward boost — which, by the way, is now factual since apparently nobody who knew me knew any senator.

Thanks also for the flattery with respect to brains, which although unwarranted is nonetheless appreciated. My only claim is that, by God, I have put in a full due of slogging — and shugging, too.

At any rate, I shall

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hereafter always regard mother
elephants as kindred spirits,
although I doubt if even they
can know as much as I
about how long the gestation
period can be.

Nevertheless, I don't see
how I could be better fixed
as to morals, and as to that
it's the comments of true and
true friends such as you that
make me that way.

Best always,

Art

165 WEST SCHOOL LANE
PHILADELPHIA 44, PENNSYLVANIA

Feb 16, 1951.

Dear Rafe:

It does seem odd that you, with all your clerical help and spare time, never seem able to answer a letter or even keep up a line of communications. However it is a phenomenon that is peculiar to our Navy (I found it non-existent in the Army). I would like to hear from you once in a while even if it's just a post card. Now that Tully has "gone native" in England, you and "Horse" Pennoyer are my last correspondants in the class....the worst-organized class in history, by the way!

There is no particular news here except that the ice carnival is to be held on March 2nd and 3rd..I am billed as "Santa Claus" in the "Swiss Christmas ballet".

Did you go to the wedding of Mark Sperry's daughter? She married into the Navy I understand.

Mother continues to improve and is out almost daily in the car. She never misses a Sunday in Church. She would send love if she knew I were writing you.

Drop off here and see us some day if you are in the neighborhood or en route to or from Washington.

Sincerely,

Ted.



PS...Newbold Black, that young ROTC student that you so kindly advised last summer, is to be one of the stars in the skating carnival.

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CHARLES BITTINGER
3403 O STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

19 Feb 51

My dear Eates

I have been
informed by Capt
Kitterage of the historical
section of the Secretary —
that you are doing a
grand job in making motion
picture records of the naval
battles of World War II

I am so pleased
to hear that as records of
this kind is the only way
to tell what is going on
— as there are three things which

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have to be considered
at the same ~~time~~ ^{moment}.

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Sam Morrison has given
two lectures for the Naval
Historical Foundation —
and if he could have shown
motion pictures of the battles
we would have had a much
better idea of what he was
talking about — however
the lectures were most
interesting.

In 1938 I made
a half baked motion picture
of the battle of Jutland while
at Pasadena — using the
charts from the book by Frost.
however it was not good
so I have never used the film
— except to people who could
not leave the house.

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The next time you are
in Washington I wish you would
give my phone a ring (MI-2071)
I would like to show you the
Exhibition of Engravings now showing
at the Truxton-Decatur Museum
— also I would like to show you
some portraits of Naval Officers I have
painted

Cordial greetings
Lorip.

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St. Patrick in Bohemia

The harp't once sang through Tara's halls, will sing again this night,
We'll toast "The Day We Celebrate", and sure, we'll toast it right!
The guest, St. Pat, the host our own St. John Nepomocene,
The whole of all Bohemia'll be, a-wearin' o' the green.

Sure, I watched old Downey's portrait, and I swear I saw him wink,
And he said "How's auld Bohemia, do they still mix my auld drink?"
It's still an undistressful land and we do keep your potheen,
And Thursday all Bohemia'll be, a-wearin' o' the green.

The songs will not be Slavic, we'll have tenors by the score,
We'll have music, we'll have laughter, we'll have gaiety galore.
So tell "herself", you won't be home, put on your best cabeen,
For Thursday all Bohemia'll be, a-wearin' o' the green.

William Augustine O'Brien
Sire

Guests? Sure, you wouldn't be comin' empty handed!

Bohemian Club,
Thursday, March 15, 1951.

Naval Hospital,
Clemson, S.C.,
20 February, '51.

Dear Page:—

Don't let the heading to this letter disturb you. I've just been up here for a couple of weeks for a check-up, and will be homeward bound tomorrow. I didn't want to come a damn bit, but Abby and my doctor shanghaied me into it. Once I get home I'll probably be glad I came, and can check it off for another couple of years.

Abby, Alice and I all greatly enjoyed your good long letter in December. And I was particularly pleased to note by your letter-head (altho you didn't mention it) that the Department has at last made a vacancy in the R. A. rank for you. Keeping you a mere Commodore, when you are doing such a job for them, just didn't make sense. Congratulations — for stripes that should have been yours years ago!

Nope — we didn't get up to the Name this

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year. I was a bit discouraged at last
year's show, and besides I wasn't feeling
too well. But we enjoyed it thoroughly just the
same - in front of a friend's TV, where it
came in perfectly and thrillingly. Now that we
have television I doubt if I'll ever see another
one in person - too far and too cold. And too
few friends left to go together with. Of course,
it can never be the same as being there. This
year's game was out of this world and I
could hardly believe my eyes. Don-in-law
Dick shares, I believe, in the credit for the
victory, for he scouted Army all season.

We were much interested in the lovely
lady in Ardmore, but don't let her record
discourage you. I believe Irv Chambers is
now a "5th husband" (Lois being widowed
3 times and divorced once) and he seems to
be surviving the strain, in spite of the fact
that I consider them a very ill-assorted couple.
Better get interested in someone, Page, while
you're still young, virile, and handsome. For
I can imagine no worse fate than to be an
ailing oldster with no one to love love me.

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I hope you located a fine gift vest, so as to have Christmas with your family. We have to make the most of these years that are left us. We had a grand holiday, for Buddie and Dick were with us for two weeks. Dick was enroute to Pensacola to start flight training. They make a fine couple with wonderful prospects. According to recent letters they are nicely located and Dick is very happy in his new assignment. He ought to make a good flier.

Those Battle Reports you are so busy at - they're restricted, aren't they? Or Confidential - or secret? I sure would like to get a glance at them, for I know from all reports they are the real dope - and I'm still very much interested in such things. You don't know how I can see them, do you?

You ask about Alice. She is fine, and now a sophomore in the University. This is her first year at home in three years, and we are enjoying her while we can. She's tall and slender, and very cute looking, tho' not

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exactly what you'd call a beauty. Or
Perhaps I'm too modest. Anyway she's a
swell gal and we're crazy about her. Better
come down and take a look at your godchild.

Next fall make every effort to get down to
Annapolis for the Alumni Reunion. This year it
was a remarkable success, and I know you'd
love it. Barring illness or injury, will be here.
Don't know when I've had so much fun.

Neither I or my wife have fared too
well this winter; we have both had much
trouble with our sinuses. But that is a
thing of the past, and spring is right around
the corner.

The best of health and happiness to
you, old boy, and I do wish we could
occasionally catch a glimpse of you.

As ever,

Steve.

UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE

February 21, 1951

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (ret)
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Rafe:

I was glad to get your letter of February 6, and would have answered sooner except that our secretarial staff was riddled with flu and is just getting back to battery. Also that double dash strike and mail embargo raised hell with our printing program.

We shall look forward with interest to Admiral Conolly's communication in regard to possible publication by the Naval Institute of a textbook on international law particularly designed for Naval officers as well as officers of the other Services (possibly). You will understand that the letter I sent up to you was just the beginning of a survey. But the more opinions, criticisms, and suggestions we can get, the better we shall like it.

I am crowding things in order to get away for my annual vacation, which I take in Florida. When I get back I hope that we shall have the material from the War College to go right to work on.

With best personal regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Roy de S. Horn
Commander, U. S. Navy (ret)
Managing Editor

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COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS FORCE
UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET

24 February 1951

Commodore R. W. Bates, U. S. Navy
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Rafe:

It was very pleasant to receive your letter of 9 February with the kind words expressed.

At the moment I am at Pusan more involved with amphibious operations in reverse. Actually we are very much in the ferry business moving refugees and POW's. Also up at Inchon we are undoing our own thorough job of demolitions to harbor facilities in order to again make use of that port. The same may be said for roads, railroads, bridges and tunnels which are wrecked one day and restored the next.

I know, however, you are familiar with the change in the situation in Korea which has evolved since General Ridgway appeared on the scene. It was more than a coincidence.

Again many thanks for the note from a much esteemed old friend.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

I. N. Kiland

I. N. KILAND

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
MILITARY SEA TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

9 March 1951

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates, USN (Ret.)
Special Projects Section
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

I am enclosing herewith a transcript of the question and answer period following Admiral Halsey's recent lecture at the Air University. This transcript was taken by a recording stenographer at the Air University. I regret that it is not as complete in its transcription as I had hoped it would be. I think you will be able to determine from reading it that the attitude of the audience was in the main quite cordial and friendly. As an observer I detected no evidence of hostility on the part of anyone present. I hope this transcription may prove of some help to you in your future studies.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

R. E. Wilson
RALPH E. WILSON

Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF NAVAL HISTORY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

44 Brimmer Street
Boston 8, Mass.
20 March 1951

Dear Rafe:

I have only a limited number of separates of the article "Faith of a Historian," and can spare you only one more *at present*.

additional It is probably too late to have any more reprinted, but there was some talk of the Secretary of the A.H.A., Dr. Guy Stanton Ford whose office is in the Library of Congress Annex, Washington, filling orders for *an* the same. If you get in touch with him, maybe he can furnish you some more.

You are at perfect liberty to have this copy photostated if you cannot obtain copies any other way.

Sincerely yours,

Sam

Samuel E. Morison

Commodore Richard W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS ANNEX STUDY ROOM 274
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

GUY STANTON FORD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 29, 1951

Rear Admiral R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

We have a few extra copies of Captain Morison's address "Faith of a Historian." We are sending you ten of them. The charge will be \$2.50.

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford

GSF:bjs

Guy Stanton Ford
Executive Secretary

*Paul
Rutledge
7 April 51*

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HOWARD B. SPRAGUE, M.D.
1180 BEACON STREET
BROOKLINE 46, MASSACHUSETTS

April 16, 1951

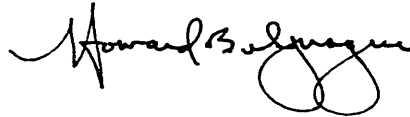
Admiral R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport
Rhode Island

Dear Admiral Bates:

Thank you for your letter of April 11th which I received on my return from a speaking tour in the West. I should be very glad to see you for your routine check-up in my office and I will see about having the blood collected for the centrifuge test.

I am glad to learn that you have weathered the winter which has been a pretty infected one in this part of the world. I am sure that you are rugged enough to carry out your offer to put the flowers on the graves of your friends. Thanks for the good advice about taking care of myself. I find that I am caught in the gears at least until I slip out of my present job in June. Would it be all right for you if I made an appointment for Wednesday, April 25th at two o'clock? We send our kindest regards.

Cordially yours,



HBS/vr

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EUGENE J. RISO
FORMERLY
RISO & FISCHER
TAILORS

12-14 EAST 46TH STREET

NEW YORK

ARMY AND NAVY UNIFORMS

April 18, 1951

Rear Adm. R. W. Bates, USN
U.S. Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

Dear Admiral Bates:

I thank you very much for the order for the sport coat. Since I last saw you, there has been another increase on labor and material and therefore the price of this coat will be \$135.00. I want to be sure there will be no misunderstanding about it.

In regard to the uniform serge I promised you, the reason I did not do anything about it is that the source that I always got my service material from has discontinued selling to the retail trade unless I wanted it by the piece and I do not expect to make uniforms at the prevailing prices. The Schwab Textile Corporation has promised to send me a length as soon as they have the material on hand as their stock was depleted on account of the textile strike. Up to now I have not received it and I doubt if you would be pleased with it for it is not the kind of cloth you wish. Your best bet is the uniform shops as they buy their materials direct and thus are never short. If I come across anything good, will send it to you.

Comdr. A. G. Hatch was in last week and when I told him you might call on him he was very much pleased and would have a chance to talk over old times.

I surely will take time out to see the MacArthur parade.

Do you expect to be down in the near future for a fitting or shall I send it finished, no tryon?

With kind regards, I am

EJR/H

Yours very truly,

Eugene J. Riso

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